

# Thomas Nast Art Project - Embossing

Embossing is an artistic technique which creates a pattern on a material such as paper, metal, fabric, leather, or wood. The pattern can be raised or in relief, depending on how it is embossed.

## Supplies that are needed

1 Piece of cardboard for each student

1 Piece of Soft Aluminum (approximately 36 gauge) cut into 4 x 4 square

Christmas Stencils

Brayer (really do not need this)

Green & Red Construction paper cut approximately 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 6 inches

Black Construction paper cut approximately 4 x 5 inches

Festive ribbon or raffia

Glue sticks

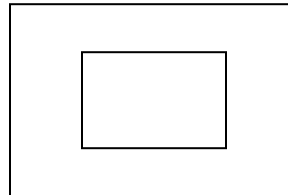
Hole Puncher

## Supplies students should have

1. a dull pencil (a sharp pencil could cut the aluminum)
2. scissors

## Procedure

1. Have students think of a word that reminds them of the holidays.  
(Presents, Give, Hope, Family, etc)
2. Have them place their piece of aluminum on the cardboard and use the stencils. Somewhere in the design they are to emboss their word, add designs, date, etc. This is a great time to have them use the brayer to flatten the aluminum.
3. Cut out the design
4. Students glue the black paper onto the red or green paper. The red or green is the frame.



5. Glue the aluminum design onto the paper. Encourage them to use all the aluminum - even the scraps. Loop it around the pencil and use 3d designs.
6. Hole punch the green or red paper and tie a piece of ribbon or raffia